

Please amend the present application as follows:

Specification

The following is a copy of Applicants' specification that identifies language being added with underlining ("___") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("—"), as is applicable:

Page 28, lines 1 through 4.

Fitness evaluation: One measurement in a particular segment of the PWL transient waveform is suade. Hence, ~~he~~ the total number of measurements is equal to the string length N. The fitness is equal to the sum of absolute value of the sensitivities of the measurements to the process parameters for the critical circuit instances.